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BACKSTAGE IN FAR EASTERN TENSION AREAS

Friday, September 8th - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5:30 P. M.

Johnny Victor Theater, RCA Exhibition House, 40 West 49th Street

Are Americans missing out in the Far East because they lack knowledge and understanding of Oriental Peoples and ways of living?

A trio of specialists, just back from over 30 months in China, Indo-China, Thailand, Indonesia, the frontier countries of India and other critical areas have some provocative information to offer. In a first-hand report to the Club of their private junket, which enabled them to stay for indefinite periods among the different peoples and establish language contacts and understanding of native ways of life, the group will describe their experiences exploring native culture, particularly drama, music and the dance, as well as politics and economics. Slides of photographs taken during their travels will be shown.

Participants are: Miss Santha Rau, Wellesley-educated daughter of India's Permanent Representative to UN, and authoress of best-seller "Home to India", whose book covering the trip will be published shortly by Harper's; Marguerite Brown of Time, working reporter and former foreign correspondent, formerly with the U.S. Public Information Staff in Japan and the Times Herald in Washington; Mr. Faubion Bowers, noted American Orientalist and language expert, and former Major in the Army and Aide to General MacArthur.

! ! N E X T L U N C H E O N ! !

Al Capp, creator of the syndicated comic strip "L'il Abner" has recently returned from Italy, France and Switzerland with a cartoonist's eye-view of Europe, The American tourist abroad, foreign food and other travelomania. He'll give Club members and their guests "Europe, As Seen Through the Eyes of 'L'il Abner'" at a luncheon, on Wednesday, September 13th, at Toots Shor's, at 12:30 P.M. Tariff: Members and one guest, \$2.50 each; additional guests, \$3.00.

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: OFFICIAL:

Board of Governors Meeting Clubrooms . . Tuesday, September 12, 8:00 P. M.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE: L. G. Hoover, Time, Inc., November 8, 1942 - July 21, 1945, French Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany - U.S. Army Press Communications Officer, MTO and 6th Army Group. Proposed by JOSEF DINE; seconded by PHIL DEAN.

Robert Conway, New York Daily News. 1945-1950, Europe, North Africa, Near East, including England, Poland, Iceland, Greece, Egypt, Palestine, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Switzerland, France, Austria, for News Syndicate Co., Inc. Proposed by HUGH J. SCHUCK; seconded by THOMAS COPE.

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CORNELIUS RYAN, Chairman of the Admissions Committee, announces the following candidates have been elected to membership in the Overseas Press Club:

ACTIVE: DOROTHY N. S. RUSSELL (Historical Division EUCOM)
JACK L. BEGON (National Broadcasting Company)
ANGUS MACLEAN THUERMER (Associated Press - Chicago)
EDWARD MALCOLM KERRY (United Press)
RALPH NICHOLSON (formerly -- Director, Office of Public Affairs HICOG)
CARL BAKAL (Coronet Magazine)
MURRAY J. LEWIS (Carl Byoir & Associates)

ASSOCIATE:

JOSEPH RUFFNER III (The Borden Company)

GUEST: RODNEY COLIN CAMPBELL (London Daily Graphic and Kemsley Newspapers, Ltd.)

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PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS

IN AND ABOUT THE : BOB CONSIDINE, INC., writes from Tokyo: "OPC Bulletin four minutes KOREAN FRONT : late in arriving at rock behind which I was hiding last week near Taegu...How, please?" Answer: After the practice run with barbed wire by two OPC-ers at the Fort Dix outing last week, (who shall be nameless because they are SANFORD GRIFFITH and Associate Editor Dave McIntire) future delivery, even behind rocks, is assured....EDWARD R. MURROW, CBS news analyst, is enroute to New York from the Korean front...Time-and-Life International's FRANK GIBNEY participated in a trans-oceanic roundtable discussion of the Korean war which was broadcast over Mutual network last week.....HAZEL SHORE, most recent addition to General MacArthur's Public Information Staff, reports that "The Tokyo Correspondents' Club looks more like Rome every day. Former MT0ers comparing notes on the war include Homer Bigart, Frank Coniff, Bob Vermillion and STAN SWINTON. If and when DON COE, BOB ECKHOUSE and Jack Newman arrive, we are planning a reunion for the class of '44."

BOYLE DESCRIBES : AP's HAL BOYLE confirms reports of flea infiltration on the Korean LIVING CONDITIONS: front on a Fifth Column scale. In a letter to wife Frances, he writes: "It has taken a war in Korea to get me back to kindergarten. Our press camp, at the moment, is in a primary school in Taegu, and, except for spiders, fleas, mosquitoes, it is pretty comfortable...Getting accustomed to war again has been pretty much drudgery for both DON WHITEHEAD and myself. It isn't quite the same on the second time around...The heat was so bad the first few days that it left us half sick. However, we're beginning to toughen up...In our press camp, on the second floor of the school, I am in a room with about 10 other correspondents. We sleep on army cots, I have managed to keep down the fleas by dousing my sleeping bag with DDT. Nothing, I have found, is much good against mosquitoes. I average about a dozen bites a night. One fellow got flea-bitten so badly that he had to go to the hospital and take penicillin... But the setup isn't too bad. We had steak for lunch. There are good stories popping and the front lines have solidified so it isn't so dangerous now to move around."

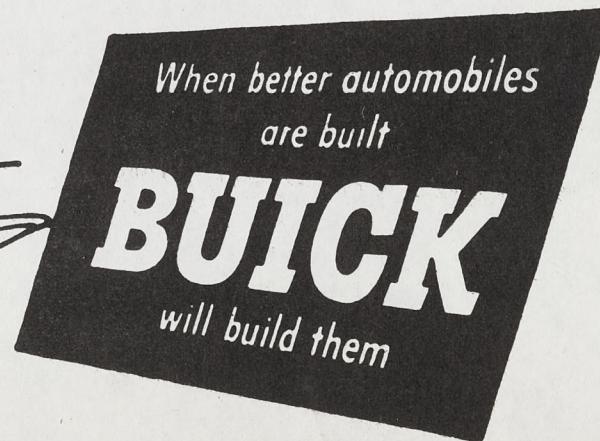
A DESIGNING CORRESPONDENT is BILL COSTELLO, reporter for the Columbia Broadcasting System in Korea. He headed the group of newsmen who created the design on which the official United Nations uniform shoulder patches, authorized for correspondents, is based.

EYE-VIEW FROM EUROPE on the Korean situation was aired by NBC's vice president in charge of News and International Relations, WILLIAM BROOKS, who was overseas conferring with NBC correspondents. Reporting on the effects of the Korean war on Europeans on the "World News Roundup", he said that there is considerable apprehension that World War III may be just around the corner, but until the action gets closer to home, it's going to be difficult for the average European to realize the seriousness of the situation.

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OUR PROLIFIC COLLEAGUES: Collier's and the American Mercury will publish chapters of "MacArthur: Man of Action" written by the Herald Tribune's FRANK KELLEY and Newsweek's Cornelius J. Ryan, which Doubleday will publish October 18th.....JOSEPH ISRAELS II article "Sitting Pretty" in the September 2nd Collier's tells about methods used by the American Seating Company, who make everything from church pews to swivel chairs, in selecting their models.....The "Why" of American communists is told by BRUNO SHAW, via interviews with J. Edgar Hoover, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Dr. Richard Brickner and Frederick Vanderbilt Field, in the September ELKS MAGAZINE.

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OPC BOOK AND : DICKSON HARTWELL, Chairman of the Book Committee, announces that BOB CONTEST NEWS : CONSIDINE will write the introduction to the OPC's forthcoming book, "Inside Inside: The Best Stories of Foreign Correspondents", during his vacation in Beverly Hills starting about now; also that CLIVE HOWARD will replace HERB KUPFERBERG, who has been assigned to Europe, on the Book Committee. According to HARTWELL, the Committee is having a tough time trying to pick the winners of the contest. It looks now as if the Committee may have to give out a couple of dozen Honorable Mentions so uniformly good is the competing material.

A recent Voice of America broadcast to Indonesia described the Overseas Press Club, its aims and activities. "The men and women of this Club, dedicated to the task of keeping the press free, have done so much more to keep America the most informed nation in the world", said the VOICE. "They have gone to far and often dangerous places armed only with a typewriter and an abiding faith in the right of free men everywhere to know exactly what was happening each day in the complex life of this most troubled world."

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More about OPC in the Anderson, South Carolina, - Independent-Tribune on August 28th: As part of a four-point program recommended to the Crusade for Freedom Committee to combat Communism, the paper stated editorially: "Enroll the special support of members of the Overseas Press Club and the Overseas Rotary Club, both in New York. Take the experiences of their members and the Crusade for Freedom will have acquired expert minds to tell the American story."

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THE OVERSEAS TICKER BUENOS AIRES DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin from AP's FRED L. STROZIER: BOB NEVILLE of Time, who recently returned from a tour of Chile, Peru and Bolivia, was overcome by the altitude (about 14,000 feet) while travelling by train through the Andes in Peru. An attendant administered oxygen -- from a pigskin! UP's TOM CURRAN and wife left in late August for a visit to New York.

VIENNA DATELINE: MIKE STERN of Fawcett Publications, and wife are visiting from Rome on their way to France and Switzerland...RITA HUME SECONDARI sails New Yorkward on the Saturnia September 7th to welcome an October blessed event...She's former INS, he's with ECA public relations in Rome...Bill Long, a new UP staffer in Vienna from Frankfurt... George Pipal, UP London, seeing the Danube...Betty Knorr, also of UP in on a visit... Simon Bourgin, Time-Life did a special for Life on the Salzburg Hungarian colony-(JOSEF ISRAELS II).

EMIL LENGYEL, just back from Kfar Saba, Israel, reports his lecture before the Palestine Journalists Association had an enthusiastic and representative audience of journalists of that country. He talked press and journalism in America, and gave a detailed account of the activities of the Overseas Press Club, with special emphasis on the work of the Hospitality Committee.

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WEDDING BELLS rang for ELIOT ELISOFON of Life and Joan Spear on July 15th, he communicates from Vinalhaven.....HENRY C. WOLFE, abroad on his annual European survey, at present is in Yugoslavia...Just back from a European business trip, March of Time's Producer DICK DE ROCHEMONT, reports the old mill he owns at Pont Levoy, about 100 miles south of Paris, is back in perfect shape. Formerly Time Inc's French headquarters during the German invasion in 1940, later occupied and looted by Nazi troops, it had been repaired by DE ROCHEMONT for a vacation spot. Fire broke out last year. However, the nationalized French power company investigated, decided it was the company's fault and made full restitution.....The TEMPLE FIELDINGS sailed on the Gripsholm last week for a tour of Scandinavian countries and the Continent to gather material for a book and several national magazines. A staggering itinerary will keep them going for 122 days until their return to New York on Christmas Eve.

ATTRACTIVE ROOM for gentleman with private bath and entrance. Lower Fifth Avenue. Available after September 16th. \$70.00 per month. Call after Labor Day, GR 5-2134.

RAIN NO DAMPER TO : Fifty high-spirited Overseas Press Clubbers and friends ignored
OPC PICNICKERS ---: occasional drizzles to have a high time at the Huntington Crescent Club in Huntington, L.I. on Saturday, August 19th, at

the Club's annual Picnic and Frolic. Leaving war cares and deadlines behind, they took a pleasant two-hour coach drive from Times Square with the aid of punch and snacks, arrived at the Club House, sauntered through the palatial buildings, fresh-water swimming pool and extensive acreage, all before a hearty buffet lunch. After lunch members drove to the beach house. Several braved the rain, which promptly stopped. Several courageous ones attempted to go water-skiing with hilarious results, and one member returned to shore bloody but unbowed. Other tyros followed, braving the elements as intrepidly as they report battles. No casualties reported. Just a few red faces -- from exertion.

The return trip featured the remainder of the sandwiches and punch, with congrats flying for LARRY BLOCHMAN for his shopping, and for GRACE CORSON, who had loaned her apartment the evening before to prepare the snacks. The fine flavor of the punch was attributed to the accompaniment of the French songs during which the two, HILDA LLODIA and Dave McIntire had mixed it, from a recipe supplied by NOIA LUXFORD. Among other picnickers were Mrs. Blochman, the LEO BRANHAMS, O'CARROLL COLVIN, the CURTIS J. HOXTERS, the LEO MARGOLINS, CHARLES ROBBINS, the JOSEPH WURZELS, NOIA LUXFORD, EELISEVA SAYERS, President LOUIS P. LOCH PR and ALBERT S. CROCKETT.

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VACATION-WISE Former opc President, FRANK KELLEY is sojourning with his family in Barnstable until after Labor Day.....JACK DOORTY, with Margaret and Maggy, have just returned to the homestead in Hastings-on-Hudson after summering at Lakeland, near Peekskill Lake, N.Y.GERALDINE FITCH took two weeks drive through New England and Northern New York, where she and her husband bought a house near Lake George.

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EGBERT WHITE reports he is taking a short leave of absence from his duties as Publisher of United Nations World to do a few weeks work for ECA Operations Division in Washington...CHARLES P. GORRY, veteran Associated Press photographer at Tokyo, returned to New York with Mrs. Gorry and the three offspring after six years in the Orient. GORRY, who spent most of his camera days during World War II on assignments in the Pacific, got in a lot of lens work in the first month of the Korean war. Present plans are to remain in the states, where he has been assigned to the AP Washington Bureau, an old spot of his before he went to the Far East.

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ON A NEW WRITING MISSION in New York PERCY FINCH, of Encinitas, California, dropped in to the Club. He recently co-authored Satevepost article "We're Betting Our Shirts on the Atomic Submarine," with Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, former Commander, Submarines Pacific. When last heard of the article had been bought for Italian magazine publication...SPYROS SKOURAS was given a scroll at NAACP luncheon at the Ritz Carlton, honoring 20th Century Fox for producing "No Way Out".....Ask MARTY BURSTEN about "Potato Bugs". He's just back from a trip through European countries and Israel, including a trip to the Russian sector of Berlin, where he attended a Russian propaganda movie on the alleged potato-bug plague, which the Russians say was started by American flyers... Mme. Yvonne Clays, ex-wife of former President of Costa Rica, Dr. Rafael A. Calderon Guardia and O'CARROLL COLVIN were guests of JEWEL DE BONILLA at dinner last week..... BERT BRANDT, Acme photographer, is back in town from London and full of stories about adventures covering the Shirley May channel swim.

OPC WELCOMED WITH : Led by President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, thirty Club members and guests
BANG AT FORT DIX : engaged in an all-day press tour of inspection at Fort Dix, N.J. on Thursday, August 24th. There, the first newsmen and women to observe new combat training methods adopted at Fort Dix, were welcomed by Major General John M. Devine, Commanding General, who had proclaimed "Overseas Press Club Day" in their honor. Next came the works: from eating GI mess to M-1 rifle ranges, from educational program to infiltration courses, in an all-day program arranged by Captain James R. Lewis, Public Information Officer at the Fort. To the whizzing of live ammunition, the bounce of jeeps and tanks, and tangles with barbed wire, they witnessed or took active part in a normal day of what it takes to make a soldier of a civilian in fourteen short weeks. HAL LAHRMAN, LOUIS LOCHNER and GEORGE HERALD sighted Bazookas on a tank bouncing around on the field. One pair joined up in a crawl through barbed wire while .30 caliber M.M.'s whistled overhead...KATHRYN CRAVENS combined wearing a steel helmet with carrying a pink umbrella to protect her from sun and shrapnel...The food and drinks were voted top-notch by the party, which returned to New York at 1:00 A.M., after having left at 8 A.M. the day before!

On hand were E & P's Jim Collings, S. ERIK BERGH, GRACE DONALDSON, RODNEY CAMPBELL, SIDNEY HERTZBERG, CHARLES HODGES and wife, MARCELLE HENRY, ELSIE MCCORMICK, FRANK TAO, JOE PETERS and MELVIN WHITELEATHER, of the Philadelphia Bulletin.

INFORMATION RE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT FORT DIX IS AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB OFFICE.

Janice Griffiths - Acting Editor
Dave McIntire - Associate Editor